

2015 GOALS

Acres - total 1070

How many acres needed for viable farming
What is threshold?

Education - Quarterly news release

650 farmers in farmland preservation
acres? 50% of working farms
nutrient management plans.

- Bill Berry figures.
- Pam Chickering do stories.

of lots - cost to service these lots
retired.

Events

- Contact Ag businesses - interview - need certain mass of farmers - reason for AEA.
- Annual report August - discuss w/ Mark

4th grade farm tour
Colleen Locke

• Resolution to State for protection of land in AEA
(Blane)

• County level impact fee for re-zoning and
\$1000 per acre annexing land outside of Urban Service Area
(Steve) ordinance - education of board + city adm.

Flow chart for easement process

Annual report - slide show?

⊙ \$125,000 left x 4 = \$500,000 of easements.

Jefferson County Farmland Conservation Easement Commission

1/19/2015

2015 Work Plan

Education and Statistics

Acreage protected as of January 1, 2015 – 1073 acres

2 PACE easements 415 acres

4 donated easements on 3 farms 218 acres

2 pending PACE easements 363 acres

Jefferson County Easement on Hwy D 77 acres

- Currently about 650 farms with 112, 877 acres, about half of all farms, participate in farmland preservation, and are required to have nutrient management plans and conservation plans. These families are the most likely to want to permanently protect their farms.
- Determine number of lots retired on these easements and the cost of services had these lots had residential construction.

Paid Easements – Jefferson County Portion (0-25%) = \$69,000 for 5 lots or \$13,800 per lot or \$166.27 per acre

Lea 225 acres – 2 lots, \$0 (NRCS and Wisconsin PACE Program funding)

Neupert 190 acres – 3 lots, \$69,000

Pending Paid Easements – Jefferson County Portion (25%) = \$97,500 for 7 lots or \$13,928.00 per lot or \$268.60/acre

Haberman 201 acres – 3 lots @ \$41,250.00

Wilke 162 acres – 4 lots \$56,250.00

Donated Easements – Jefferson County Portion = \$0 for 14 lots

Burlingham 35 acres (1st parcel) - 3 lots

Burlingham 60 acres - (2nd parcel) -2 lots

Miller 59 acres – 6 lots

Zentner – 3

Total Jefferson County matching funds for the retirement of 26 lots = \$166,500 or \$6403.85 per lot resulting in the permanent protection of 996 acres = \$167.17 per acre

(Does not include land on Hwy D)

Need to determine cost of services.

- Quarterly news release to local papers.
- Contact Pam Chickering about a series on the families who have protected their land and agribusinesses that depend on farms in Jefferson County.
- Discuss an annual report to the County Board with Mark Watkins.
- Pass a County Resolution asking the State to extend greater protection for land in Ag Enterprise Areas from annexation.

Funding

- Pass a County Ordinance requiring an impact fee on each acre rezoned out of agriculture and a fee such as \$1000 per acre for farmland annexed to cities and villages.
- Add funding for the PACE program to the Land and Water Conservation Department budget.

Events

- 4th Grade Farm Tour, Wednesday May 6 at the Kutz Farm
- Dairy Breakfasts – create video loop with apple demonstration, farm photos, AFT graphics on farmland loss, cost of services to residential vs farmland, table tents.
- Special farmers markets and festivals
- Connect with Bar Association – Colleen Locke would welcome a presentation at the Jefferson County Bar Association – contact Phil Ristow.

Commission/Land and Water Conservation

- Develop flow chart for easement process